

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

DEVON & CORNWALL SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Held at: Safety Camera Unit Offices, Plymouth, on 23rd January 2008 at 10 a.m.

Chairman: Superintendent Tim SWARBRICK

Secretary: *****

Attended by: Jon FARR - Safety Camera Partnership
Richard PRYCE - Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Chris LAVIS - Safety Camera Partnership
Peter GIMBER - Devon County Council
Patrick CARNEY - Torbay Council
Adrian TRIM - Plymouth City Council
Peter MOORE - Cornwall County Council
Chloe Dale - Cornwall County Council
Nigel DYSON - Highways Agency
Natalie HATSWELL - Safety Camera Partnership

Apologies: Natalie HATSWELL

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1.	<u>Welcome</u> Supt SWARBRICK welcomes everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<u>Minutes of last meeting</u> The minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting of 12 th October 2007 were agreed.	
3.	<u>Matters Arising from previous minutes</u> <u>9. Changing Team Roles</u> Data is being review, particularly in regard to high-end speeders, although this is labour intensive. The partners were asked for an indication of data they may require in the future. <u>12. Progress on Wider Road Safety Partnerships</u> The Casualty Reduction Group have now met twice and have been discussing the Local Area Agreements and reviewing fatalities. <u>4.1 Area/Route Enforcement</u> Jon Farr gave an update on recent area enforcement operations in Cornwall.	

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	<p>He felt that the partnership needed to engage with the local BCUs at an earlier stage to enable more work to be carried out on specific road user risk groups. Long term speed monitoring will be conducted. It is hoped to run another operation in the summer, using lessons learnt from this pilot.</p>	
	<p>4.2 Activation levels were discussed at the quarterly reviews.</p>	
	<p>4.3 <u>Warning Letters</u> A detailed evaluation is yet to be carried out, however, there is a keenness to expand the scope of the trial. Updates on progress will be provided</p>	<p>C Lavis / P Gimber</p>
	<p>4.4 <u>Enforcement of roadworks</u> Enforcement has commenced and will be reviewed with the Highway Agency on a monthly basis.</p>	
	<p>6. <u>Contingency Provision</u> This was agreed following the treasurer's input.</p>	
	<p>7. <u>Letter headed paper</u> This issue is awaiting implementation by IT.</p>	<p>C Lavis</p>
	<p>8. <u>Partner lead discussion on the Safety Camera Project</u> This item was discharged.</p>	
	<p>10. <u>Rider improvement scheme</u> This item was discharged.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Operational Plan</u> The project manager's report was discussed and exceptional items were discussed</p>	
	<p><u>4.1 Achievement against 2007/08 Plan</u> The number of detected offences are down on the expected levels due to the change in deployment patterns.</p>	
	<p>Maintenance of cameras has caused some problems due to the length of time for repairs to be carried out.</p>	

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	<p>Site signage has continued to be a problem, which reduces the number of usable sites. This topic was opened up to the partners for comment. This was also discussed as a separate issue under a proposal made the Highways Agency later in the meeting. Although progress is slow and highway authorities were satisfied with that they could not increase performance with the resources available.</p>	
	<p><u>4.2 Approval of 2008/09 Plan</u></p>	
	<p>The Draft Operational Plan 2008/9 was circulated by Jon FARR which was reviewed in the workshop at the end of last year. A mechanism for confirming acceptance is being explored.</p>	
	<p>Confirmation on the plan of activities was requested, however, Partners felt they needed more time. Feedback was requested by the Chair by 1st February. In the absence of any major concerns the draft plan would be the basis of future operations</p>	ALL
	<p>Agreement is also sought on budget but is dependent on the outcome of the area agreement process</p>	ALL
	<p><u>4.3 Actions arising from Operational Plan</u></p>	
	<p><u>4.4 Risk Update</u></p>	
	<p>A document had been compiled following the Away Day. An overview of the calculation of risk was given to the meeting. The document will be re-issued each month and possibly reviewed at quarterly review meeting. It was highlighted that during this year the issue of camera technology will have to be discussed.</p>	Jon Farr
	<p><u>4.5 Update on Area Based Agreements</u></p>	
	<p>Most local authorities felt that due to timescales the settlement for</p>	
	<p><u>4.6 Timetable and approach to finalising the plan</u></p>	
	<p>A report setting out the key areas was circulated and an overview of the current position was given.</p>	
	<p>The impact of the Area Agreements were discussed which should also be an item for the</p>	

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5.	<p>risk register. It was stressed that partners need to ensure that KSIs or road safety were one of the LAA indicators.</p> <p><u>Technology Update and discussion</u> Sites in Devon & Cornwall have been looked at suitable for time over distance equipment.</p> <p>New equipment has been viewed. <u>PIPS</u> This uses digital images which can be uploaded by phone line and also GPS system. Three sites have been identified but a technical report is awaited to ascertain suitability.</p> <p><u>Gatso Digital Replacements</u> This system needs a night flash and a phone line. Costs are being compiled with a possible workshop.</p> <p>Consideration needs to be given to what suits each partners needs and how best to supply this.</p>	<p>Richard PRYCE Supt SWARBRICK</p>
5.	<p><u>Potential expansion of Speed Awareness</u> An overview of limits and number of offences was given. The potential to drop the threshold to expand the education programme to other drivers was discussed.</p> <p>There are plans to change the course on 1st April which will be a national scheme.</p> <p>The issue of diverting different groups of individuals was discussed (ie. High end speeders, mobile phone users, new drivers and motorcyclists). The Devon & Cornwall Constabulary runs some courses.</p> <p>All partners agreed in principal but this will be taken for further discussion to the Force and proposals discussed at further meetings.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Replacement of damaged/unreliable cameras</u> One camera has recently been damaged. It was agreed that this should be replaced by either new or nearly new.</p>	

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7.	<p><u>Discussion on signing compliance team and legal challenges</u> Due to a shortage of experts in this field it was felt that it could be very difficult to get the right person in place. Various possibilities were discussed around part funding and pooling resources. This will be discussed further at future meetings.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Analysis of collision/camera/motoring offence data – use of Mosaic</u> Ways of extracting data is being investigated as currently this involves using several systems.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Communication Managers Report</u> Natalie HATSWELL gave an overview of activities undertaken over the past months. The following main points were highlighted.</p> <p>Partners have been asked for notice of future events as there has been some problems with events clashing.</p> <p>A multi-agency campaign aimed at holidaymakers will run on Fridays and Saturdays during the season.</p> <p>The website still continues to get high activity. More educational information has been included.</p> <p>Good feedback has been received on the motorcycle events. Work continues with all local authorities.</p> <p>Driving at Work is ongoing with 4/5 companies looking at their drivers knowledge of limits etc.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Any other business</u> None</p>	

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